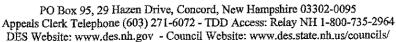


The State of New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services







November 2, 2004

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Re:

Docket No. 04-22.WC - Chapman Appeal

Dear Attorney Smith.

The notice of appeal of the Department of Environmental Services denial of an application for a variance of RSA 483-B:9 IV-d, Wetlands File No. 2004-01674, which you filed on behalf of Robert Chapman and Chapman Scrap Metal Recycling, was received in my office on October 28, 2004, and has been assigned Docket No. 04-22 WC. Please refer to this docket number in all future correspondences relative to this appeal. I have forwarded the notice of appeal NH Water Council ("the Council"), which I expect will decide to accept or dismiss the appeal at its next regular meeting, currently scheduled for November 10, 2004 at 9:00am in Rooms 112-114 of the offices of the Department of Environmental Services, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH.

Please note that any document filed in conjunction with this appeal shall be filed by mailing or delivering the original and 20 copies of the document to the Council Appeals Clerk. Additionally, a copy of the document must be sent to all parties to the appeal and to any person who has a motion to intervene pending before the Council. Every document filed with the Council, and required to be served upon the parties to the appeal, shall be accompanied by a certificate of service, signed by the person making service, attesting to the method and date of service, and the persons served.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (603) 271-6072 or by e-mail at msclafani@des.state.nh.us.



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